



# Oconee County Planning Commission

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## Minutes

### Planning Commission Meeting

July 16, 2012

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a regular meeting on July 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Ryan Honea, (Chairman)  
Howard Moore  
Tommy Abbott  
David Lyle  
Andrea Heller  
Gwen McPhail  
Bill Gilster

Staff Present: Josh Stephens (Zoning Administrator)  
Yancey Green (Planner)

Media Present: Mike Eades, Daily Journal

#### Item 1: Call to Order

Mr. Honea called the meeting to order.

#### Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Ms. Heller made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2012 meeting; Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Item 3: Public Comment

**Mr. Tom Markovich** said that rezoning the Public lands is pointless and that it would prevent any developer from performing their due diligence.

**Mr. Larry Linsin** stated that the Federal government and its agencies have supremacy of the State and its counties and that Oconee County had not enforcement power of the federal lands.

**Mr. Phillip Collins** stated that he has land adjacent to the national forest and wanted to know how it would affect him.

#### Item 4: Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2011-25 Public Lands

Mr. Honea made a motion to table the matter until the Commission has more information. Mr. Gilster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5: Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2012-26 “Echohills”**

Mr. Stephens presented a variety of maps and staff’s recommendation. Ms. McPhail made a motion to recommend the properties be rezoned to Agricultural Residential District. Mr. Lyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6: Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2012-25 “Mountain Springs”**

Mr. Stephens presented to the Commission the Mountain Springs request. Mr. Abbott made a motion to recommend the request as petitioned with the additional public input parcels included and for staff to contact those who are surrounded including the Beaver Lake subdivision owners. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 7: Old Buisness**

Mr. Stephens informed the Commission that Attorney Larry Brandt had appealed staffs decision to put forward the petitions for Biggerstaff rezoning to the BZA.

**Item 8: New Buisness**

Mr. Stephens asked the Commission if they wanted to hear an address appeal at their next regular meeting in August. The Consensus of the Commission was to hear the appeal in the first meeting in August.

**Item 9: Adjourn**